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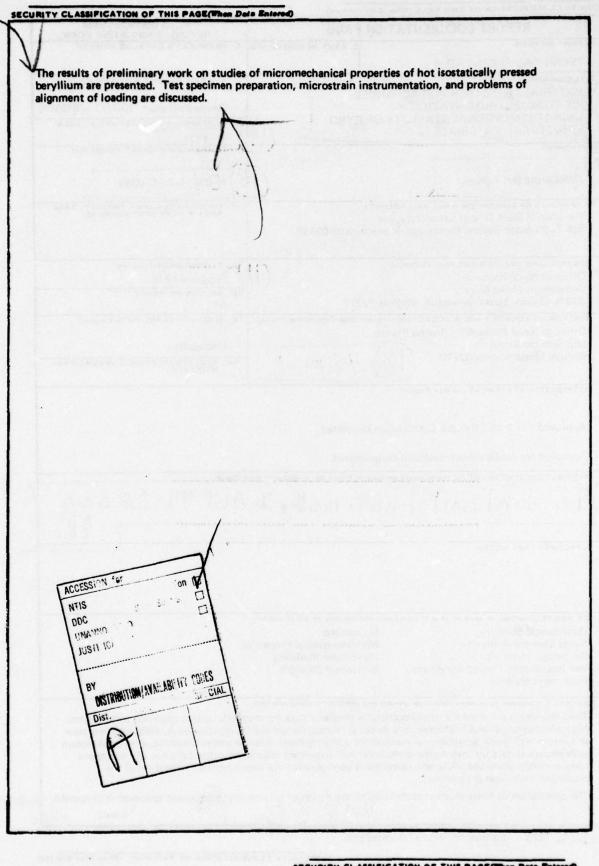


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# SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

The knowledge of micromechanical behavior of materials is crucial to the design of accurate inertial guidance instruments. Earlier workers (1) have developed thermal treatments to minimize the effects of residual stresses and microstructural instabilities and have determined offset microyield stresses to be used in instrument design. However, the state of development of these very sensitive instruments is such that their overall accuracy can be improved by identifying the various sources of errors and mathematically modeling the effect with time and applying corrections. One such source of error is the microcreep which occurs in some of the stressed components of the instrument.

The following is the report of work done at The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Inc. (CSDL), from September 1977 to October 1978. The work is concurrent with a separate cooperative program at the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) with frequent communication of ideas and information.



# SECTION 2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the CSDL effort are as follows:

- (1) Review the literature and summarize data on the microplastic behavior of materials used in inertial instruments.
- (2) Using finite element analysis methods and data from the literature, or measured by NBS or CSDL, model the micromechanical behavior of component parts of instruments. Verify the predicted behavior by test of a simple structural shape.
- (3) Investigate the micromechanical behavior of hot isostatically pressed beryllium as a more microcreep-resistant material for instruments.

In addition to the above major tasks, CSDL has assisted NBS by machining  $10^{-7}$  test specimens and by finite element stress analysis of proposed  $10^{-8}$  specimen designs. One of the objectives of the NBS program is to evaluate instrument-grade beryllium in a microstructural condition which is the same as the condition that exists in the instrument components. Therefore, the test specimens have been machined at CSDL using the same machining and stress relief techniques used for instrument manufacturers.



# SECTION 3 LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review has concentrated on hot isostatically pressed beryllium and on other metals used in instruments; NBS has surveyed the literature on hot pressed beryllium in their literature review (2).

Microstrain measurement techniques have been used extensively for basic studies of microplasticity (3) and to a more limited extent for obtaining data for engineering materials. Marschall and Maringer (4) have extensively reviewed the topic of dimensional instability, including microplasticity, and provide a good bibliography through 1973.

Measurements of microcreep behavior provide the most valuable form of data for analysis of simple stress situations. Uniaxial tests most closely approximate actual stress conditions and are conducted in a way similar to macrocreep tests. The test specimen is incrementally loaded in the elastic range to establish an accurate value of modulus and then is loaded to the test stress in a constant load machine. The initial strain is measured as soon as possible after the full load is applied and measured periodically as a function of time. The instantaneous plastic strain is determined when the load is removed at the end of the test. The measurement of strain to a sensitivity of 10<sup>-6</sup> or smaller requires very tedious and expensive techniques; stability of instrumentation is extremely important. Maringer et al (5) and Marschall, Maringer, and Cepollina (6) have reported on tests conducted with foil gages. Marschall and Held (7) have described very elaborate methods for increasing the sensitivity of strain gage techniques.

Lyons (8) and Weihrauch and Hordon (9) used capacitance gages to measure microcreep in various instrument materials. Polvani and Christ (10) recently reported results for elevated tests on instrument grade beryllium.

As an alternate to long-term microcreep tests, microyield tests have been used as a means of detecting the occurrence of the first measurable plastic strain. Although this test requires much less time and is more easily accomplished, it is much more dependent on test conditions such as sensitivity of measurement, strain rate, time at load, etc., and these variables must be carefully recorded when results are reported. However, when these facts are recognized and the value of microyield stress (MYS) is stated in terms of an offset of strain then MYS is a useful design guideline for selecting a maximum working stress. Instrumentation similar to that used for microcreep is used for microyield stress measurements. Maringer et al (5,11), Imgram et al and Marschall and Maringer (13) have reported values of microyield strength for a variety of instrument materials; these measurements were made with foil strain gages.

Microyield strength and microcreep data from all the above sources are summarized in Tables 1 through 7. The aluminum alloys are typical materials used for stable members of guidance systems, 440C stainless steel is the standard material for super-precision ball bearings, and beryllium is the basic structural material for inertial instruments. Table 8, from Weihrauch and Horden (9) shows the temperature dependence of microyield strength for typical materials.

It is obvious that there is a very limited amount of data regarding the microplastic behavior of engineering materials. For many alloys, there is considerable variance in the data that is available, in which case, the data can only be used as a qualitative guide. There is need for additional carefully controlled tests to more clearly define the microplastic behavior of instrument materials.

Table 1. Aluminum alloy  $2014-T6^{(13)}$ .

FORM: Sheet (Perpendicular to Rolling Direction).

CONDITION: T6 plus Stress Relief at 400°F for one hour.

STRAIN MEASUREMENT BY: Foil Strain Gages.

MICROYIELD STRESS (3 Specimens):

(	y (Microyiel	d Stress) ∿ 11	o/in <sup>2</sup>
Offset	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
	38,000	42,000	45,000

MICROCREEP (2 Specimens):

Strai	n at Time	t (10 <sup>-6</sup> )	
Stress (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	10 h	100 h	1,000 h
34,200	3	7	17

Table 2. Aluminum alloy  $A356^{(12)}$ .

FORM: Cast

CONDITION: Solutionized at 1000°F for 16 hours, Boiling Water Quench

Aged at 310°F for 4 hours.

STRAIN MEASURED BY: Foil Strain Gages.

MICROYIELD STRESS (2 Specimens):

	σ <sub>y</sub> (Microyield Stress) ∿ lb/in <sup>2</sup>				
Specimen No.	Offset	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	
1		6,700	9,000	10,000	
2		8,400	10,000	11,000	

MICROCREEP (1 Specimen Each Stress):

Strain at Time t (10 <sup>-6</sup> )								
Stress (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	1 h	10 h	100 h	1,000 h				
4,000	0	1	8	17				
6,000	0	0	0	10				

Table 3. Aluminum alloy 6061-T6 (6).

FORM: Sheet (Parallel to Rolling Direction).

CONDITION: T6 plus Stress Relief for 1 hour at Temperature Shown.

STRAIN MEASURED BY: Foil Strain Gages.

MICROYIELD STRESS (2 Specimens Each Condition):

	σ <sub>y</sub> (Microyield Stress) ∿ lb/in <sup>2</sup>				
Condition	Offset	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	
т6	Sta <sub>les</sub>	18,700	26,600	30,000	
T6 + S.R. @ 400°F	005,63	26,300	30,800	32,800	
T6 + S.R. @ 450°F	100.85	21,300	25,700	27,800	
T6 + S.R. @ 500°F	001,01	13,700	18,100	20,600	

MICROCREEP (1 Specimen Each Stress):

Condition: T6 + S.R. @ 400°F

Strain at Time t $(10^{-6})$						
Stress (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	1 h	10 h	100 h	1,000 h		
14,800	-1	0	1	1		
18,500	0	0	0	5		
24,600	1	1	0	10		

Table 4. Aluminum alloy 2024-T4 (6).

FORM: Sheet (Parallel to Rolling Direction)

CONDITION: T6 plus Stress Relief for 1 hour at Temperature Shown

STRAIN MEASUREMENT BY: Foil Strain Gages

MICROYIELD STRESS (2 Specimens Each Condition):

$\sigma_{y}$ (Microyield Stress) $\sim$ lb/in <sup>2</sup>					
Condition	Offset	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	
Т4	16.5-18	38,500	43,500	45,400	
T4 + S.R. @ 400°F	MARKE IN	32,300	40,800	45,000	
T4 + S.R. @ 450°F		30,600	38,000	42,100	
T4 + S.R. @ 500°F	60,61	21,400	29,100	32,900	

MICROCREEP (1 Specimen Each Stress):

Condition: T4 +S.R. @ 400°F

St	rain at !	rime t (10	, <del>-</del> 6)	
Stress (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	1 h	10 h	100 h	1,000 h
18,000	0	0 *	1	5
24,000	0	0	2	7

Table 5. Stainless steel 440C (12).

FORM: Bar

CONDITION: Austenitized at 1900°F for 30 minutes, Oil Quench

Subcool to -320°F for 30 minutes

Temper at 520°F for 1 hour

STRAIN MEASUREMENT BY: Foil Strain Gages

MICROYIELD STRESS (3 Specimens):

	y (Microyiel	d Stress) ∿ 1	b/in²
Offset	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
	69,700	97,300	110,700

# MICROCREEP (1 Specimen Each Stress):

# 000 1 # 0 St	rain at	Time t (1	0 <sup>-6</sup> )	A REPORT
Stress (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	1 h	10 h	100 h	1,000 h
33,500	0	0	0	0
50,000	0	0	2	6

# Table 6. Stainless steel 440C (8).

FORM: Bar

CONDITION: Austenitized at 1900°F for 30 minutes, Oil Quench.

Subcool to -100°F for 50 minutes. Subcool to -320°F for 30 minutes.

Temper at 300°F for 2 hours.

Repeat Subcools.

Retemper at 300°F for 2 hours.

Stress Relieve at 300°F for 5 hours.

STRAIN MEASUREMENT BY: Capacitance Gage

MICROCREEP (1 Specimen):

St	rain at S	Time t (10	) <sup>-6</sup> )	aug (3) 33
Stress (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	1 h	10 h	100 h	1,000 h
82,000	-1	+1	0	+1

Table 7. Instrument grade beryllium (6).

FORM: Hot Pressed Block.

CONDITION: As Indicated Below.

STRAIN MEASUREMENT BY: Foil Strain Gages.

MICROYIELD STRESS - CONDITION A (As Pressed)

σ <sub>y</sub> (1	Microyield St	ress) in lb/i	n <sup>2</sup>
Offset	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10-6	10 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Specimen 1	4,500	10,000	15,000
Specimen 2	7,000	14,000	20,000

## MICROYIELD STRESS - CONDITION B (Stress Relieved at 1100°F for 1 hour)

σ <sub>y</sub> (1	Microyield St	ress) in lb/i	n <sup>2</sup>
Offset	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Specimen 3	7,500	16,000	22,000
Specimen 4	9,000	16,000	22,000

# MICROYIELD STRESS - CONDITION C (Stress Relieved at 1500°F for 1 hour)

σ <sub>y</sub> (1	Microyield St	ress) in lb/i	n <sup>2</sup>
Offset	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Specimen 5	5,500	12,500	17,500
Specimen 6	10,000	17,500	23,000

## MICROCREEP (1 Specimen Each Stress) (Stress Relieved at 1100°F for 1 hour)

Strain at Time t (10 <sup>-6</sup> )							
Stress (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	1 h	10 h	100 h	1000 h	1400 h		
4,500	0	1	2	8	9		
5,600	0	1	1	4	5		
7,000	0	1	1	6	7		

Table 8. Temperature dependence of microyield stress  $^{(9)}$ .

	MYS (5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> Offset) lb/in <sup>2</sup> Temperature (°F)			
10.50	75°	150°	200°	
Aluminum 356-T6	8,100	7,350	7,190	
Stainless Steel 310	22,700	20,400	20,000	
Aluminum 6061-T6	12,400	11,700	10,430	
Magnesium AZ92A	5,280	5,040	4,780	

STRAIN MEASURED BY: Capacitance Gage

# SECTION 4 MICROCREEP MODELING

#### 4.1 OBJECTIVES

The analytical program in support of the NBS Test Program is designed to apply data from uniaxial test specimens to actual three-dimensional gyro structure parts. Existing analytical methods for macrocreep will be used to predict growth due to microcreep of typical structures. Work accomplished in fiscal year 1978 included:

- (1) Analysis of the stress distribution in typical NBS test specimens.
- (2) Selection of creep laws for preliminary analysis.
- (3) Selection of possible design components for analysis and test.

#### 4.2 ANALYSIS OF TEST SPECIMENS

One of the proposed specimens for the NBS 10<sup>-8</sup> microcreep tests is a dumb-bell shaped specimen. Eight node quadratic axisymmetric elements were selected in the MARC Analysis Program to analyze stress concentrations in the specimen. The model consisted of 16 elements and 65 nodes. A plot of the mesh is shown in Figure 1. Elements 15 and 16 were loaded with a uniform pressure loading so as to produce a uniform tensile stress of 15,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> in the test length of the specimen. The resulting axial stress distribution is shown in Figure 2.

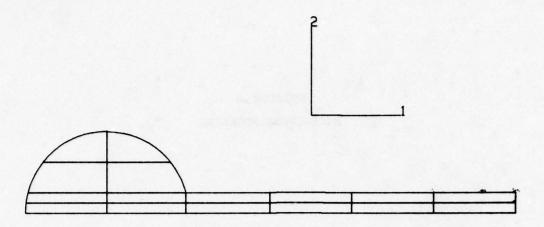


Figure 1. Axial stress plot, NBS test specimen.

As may be seen, about 90 percent of the 1/4 inch rod is at the uniform stress of lb/in<sup>2</sup>. The 10-percent region near the spherical ball starts a sharp transition to a low stress region. The majority of the spherical ball is in a low stress state. There exists no stress concentration region for this shape. A highly magnified display of the displacements, due to this load, is shown in Figure 3. The spherical ball is deformed into a teardrop shape as a result of the loading.

#### 4.3 SELECTION OF CREEP LAWS

### 4.3.1 Uniaxial Microcreep Law

In order to select a creep law for instrument-grade beryllium, the results of previous investigators were reviewed (6,8,10,12).

Reference 10 reports the initial work of Christ and Polvani at NBS.

Although the authors report different creep rates at similar stress levels, almost all data indicates an essentially linear growth with time for the first 1000 hours. This is a different phenomena than generally observed at the macrocreep level where an exponential behavior with time is typical. Prior to this work, most measurements were made at room temperature; the NBS work was performed at 144°F. A creep law of the form:

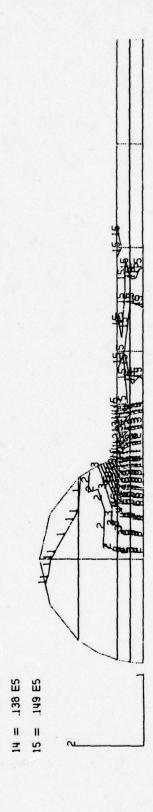


Figure 2. Axial stress plot, NBS test specimen.

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951 E4

10 =

.786 E3 .187 E4 406 E4

515 EU 524 EU 733 EU 842 EU

296 E4

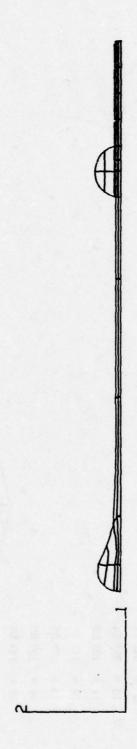


Figure 3. Magnified displacements, loaded NBS specimen.

$$\Sigma = A \sigma^n e - \frac{\Delta H}{RT} t$$

is assumed where:

 $\Sigma$  = total strain

A = a constant

σ = uniaxial stress

n = stress exponent

 $\Delta H/R$  = activation constant

T = absolute temperature

t = time

Much of the observed data can be fitted with the following constants:

A = 123

n = 0.25

 $\Delta H/R = 6500$ 

The units assumed for these constants are:

 $\Sigma$  = microinches/inches

 $\sigma = lb/in^2$ 

 $T = {}^{O}R$ 

t = hours

Plots at stresses of 2000, 4000, 6000, 8000 and 10,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> at room temperature and 144°F are shown in Figures 4 and 5. Also shown are some of the measured data points. This fit is meant to be only a first approximation of available data, in order to proceed with the modeling of three-dimensional shapes. As more data becomes available, the constants will be updated.

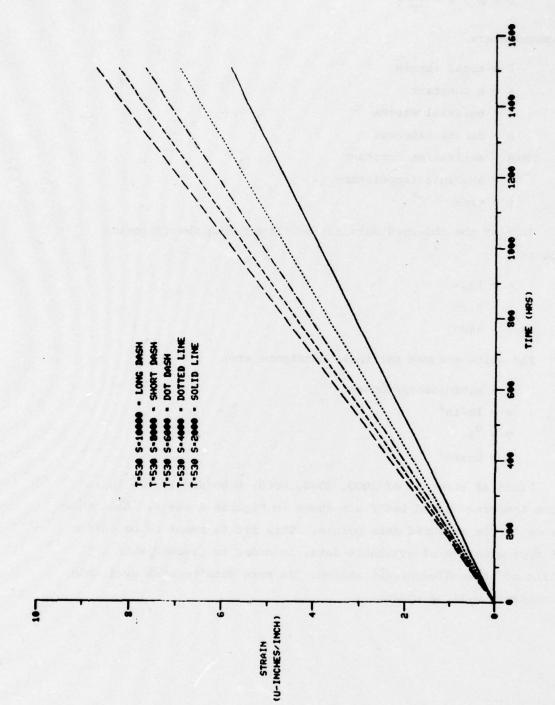


Figure 4. Strain versus time at room temperature.

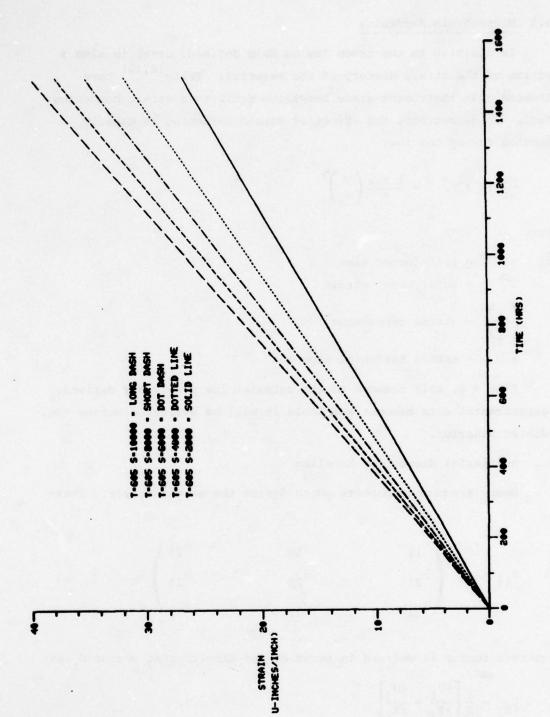


Figure 5. Strain versus time at 145°F.

### 4.3.2 Microstrain Hardening

In addition to the creep law we have defined, creep is also a function of the strain history of the material. Tests (6,10) have indicated that instrument-grade beryllium exhibits a strain hardening effect. In macrocreep, the effect of strain hardening is usually accounted for by the law:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \Sigma^{c} \right]^{1 + \mu} = \frac{1 + \mu}{\tau} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma \\ \sigma_{n} \end{pmatrix}^{n}$$

where:

τ = transformed time

Σ<sup>C</sup> = total creep strain

 $\left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_n}\right)^n$  = stress dependence

μ = strain hardening exponent

If  $\mu$  = 0, this reduces to the uniaxial law previously derived. As experimental data becomes available it will be evaluated versus the predicted behavior.

#### 4.3.3 Multiaxial Microcreep Modeling

There are nine components which define the stress tensor. These are:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

The strain tensor is defined in terms of the displacement vector U, as:

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial X_i} \right]$$

In order to apply the uniaxial creep law defined previously, an effective stress  $\sigma_{\alpha}$  is defined by:

$$\sigma_e^2 = 3/2 S_{ij} S_{ij}$$

where S is the stress deviator and is defined by:

$$S_{ij} = \sigma_{ij} - 1/3 \sigma_{kk} \delta_{ij}$$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  is the unit tensor defined by:

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } i = j \\ 0 & \text{when } i = j \end{cases}$$

This definition of an effective stress satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) For a condition of uniaxial stress, the multiaxial equations degenerate to the uniaxial condition.
- (2) The equations allow for the volume constancy of creep deformation.
- (3) A superimposed hypostatic state of stress will not result in a change of creep rate.
- (4) For an isotropic medium, the principal directions of strain and stress coincide.

#### 4.4 SELECTION OF STRUCTURAL COMPONENT FOR ANALYSIS

In order to verify that the uniaxial creep law can be applied to a three-dimensional component, a test of a relatively simple component is proposed.

The wheel is a critical component of a gyro, which is usually stressed at levels which are a significant percentage of the microyield stress. These stresses are caused by both the shrink fit forces of an outer rim on an inner hub, and centrifugal spin forces. A simple test would consist of two shrink fit beryllium cylinders controlled at 145°F. A picture of the proposed configuration is shown in Figure 6.

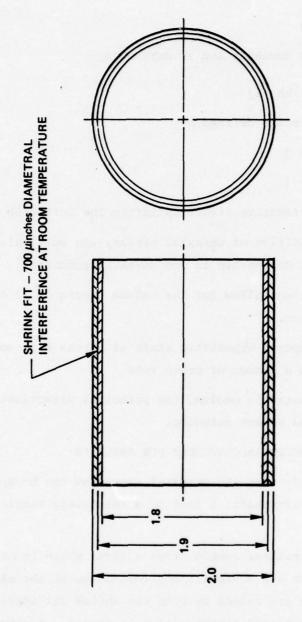


Figure 6. Proposed beryllium shrink fit cylinders.

#### SECTION 5

# THE MICROMECHANICAL BEHAVIOR OF HOT ISOSTATICALLY PRESSED BERYLLIUM

#### 5.1 GENERAL

Beryllium has been an important structural material in inertial gyroscopes and related instruments for nearly twenty years. Although beryllium has very significant advantages in terms of high elastic modulus, low density, and good thermal conductivity, the high oxide grades currently used for highly stressed components have low ductility, only moderate resistance to microplastic deformation, and, in gas bearing use, provide a very inhomogeneous surface for thin coatings. Recent investigations have indicated that moderate purity beryllium which is consolidated by hot isostatic pressing may offer substantial improvements in the above areas.

Sheminski and Maringer (14) investigated the microstrain characteristics of several compositions of beryllium which were fabricated by hot isostatic pressing and found that microyield strength increased with decreasing grain size when the specimen was heat treated after pressing. They also found that MYS increased with decreasing pressing temperature. Gelles (15) has summarized the impurity reactions which have been found to occur in beryllium and their effect on mechanical properties. Foos et al (16) have proposed that the primary microalloying reaction in beryllium is between iron, aluminum, and beryllium and that microyield strength is increased by maximizing the dispersion of FeBe<sub>11</sub>. London et al (17) have studied the effect of grain size in hot isostatically pressed, high purity powders and have concluded that grain size is the

most important single variable influencing yield strength and suggest that microyield strength is similarly affected. Keith (18) has found that the MYS of commercially produced hot isostatically pressed beryllium can be significantly influenced by aging heat treatments.

The objective of the present investigation is to study the microplastic deformation characteristics of HIP50 beryllium and the mechanisms that control it.

#### 5.2 WORK TO DATE

#### 5.2.1 Material

The hot isostatically pressed beryllium was supplied by Kawecki Berylco Industries (KBI) in the form of specimen blanks 0.7 inch square by 3 inches long. The blanks were cut from the bottom of billet 77014 which was 7.25 inches diameter by 15.5 inches high. The billet was hot isostatically pressed at 1950°F from impact-attritioned powder. The time-temperature schedule consisted of three hours heating to pressing temperature, press at 15,000 lb/in² for five hours, and cool to 300°F in three hours. Isostatic pressure was reduced during cooling. All blanks were oriented transversely to the pressing direction; Figure 7 shows their relative location. The beryllium was supplied as KBI grade HIP50; the properties reported by the manufacturer are given in Table 9. Typical microstructure is shown in Figure 8.

#### 5.2.2 Test Specimen Preparation

The same cylindrical-design test specimen is used for both the MYS tests and microcreep tests. The specimen is shown in Figure 9. The specimens are machined on centers with close attention to tolerances to attain optimum uniformity of applied stress. Machining methods are similar to those described in Materials Advisory Board report MAB-205-M (19). Heat treatment is performed before machining the final 0.010 inch of material from the gage section. Although a recent study (20) shows that the above method leaves no significant surface damage when evaluated by macromechanical property tests the gage section of the specimens is etched to remove any possible surface damage.

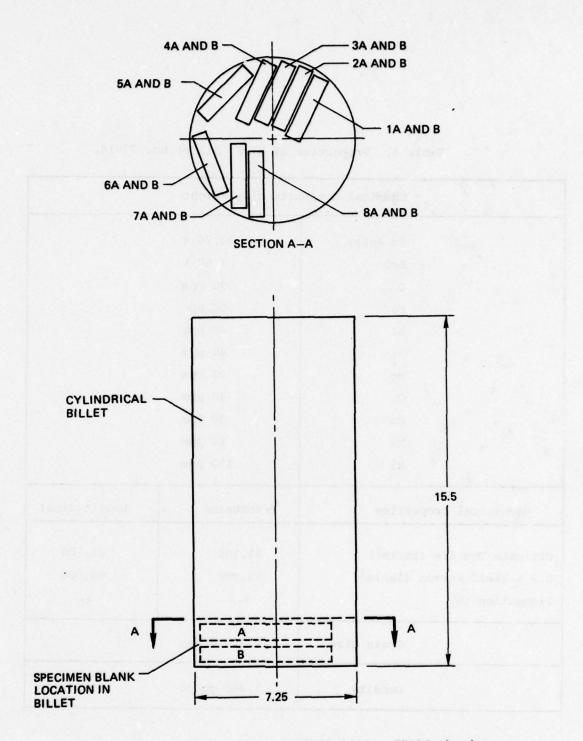


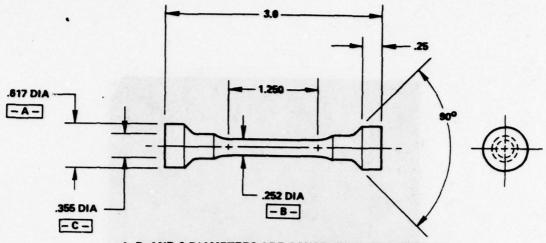
Figure 7. Transverse section of HIP50 billet 77014 showing orientation of specimen blanks.

Table 9. Properties of HIP50 Billet No. 77014.

	Chemical Compo	osition by Weight	g gwa as
	Be Assay	98.76 %	
	BeO	1.68 %	
	С	290 ppm	
	Fe	500 ppm	
	Al	40 ppm	
	Si	40 ppm	
	Mg	20 ppm	
	Cr	40 ppm	
	Cu	30 ppm	
	Mn	10 ppm	
	Ni	170 ppm	
Mechanica	l Properties	Transverse	Longitudinal
Ultimate Ten	sile (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	81,100	81,100
	Stress (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	62,900	64,000
Elongation (%)		4.3	3.7
	Grain Size	9.3 microns	ļ A
	Density	1.840 gm/cc	PEGIMEN BLANK



Figure 8. Typical HIP50 microstructure.



A, B, AND C DIAMETERS ARE CONCENTRIC WITHIN 0.0005 90° CONICAL HEAD IS CONCENTRIC TO B WITHIN 0.0001.

Figure 9. Specimen for microyield and microcreep tests.

The ends of the test specimen are masked by brushing on "Microflex" stop-off; the stop-off is dried and the gage section etched until 0.006 inch of material is removed from the diameter. The composition of the etching solution is given in Table 10. The specimen is removed periodically, rinsed in warm water, followed by cold water, dried with alcohol, and measured. The stop-off is subsequently dissolved in acetone.

Table 10. Etching solution for HIP50 beryllium.

Bath temperature should be controlled between 49° to 54°C and stirred vigorously.

<sup>\*</sup> Manufactured by Michigan Chrome and Chemical Co., Detroit, Michigan.

## 5.2.3 Strain Gage Installation

Foil strain gages, Micro-Measurements type MA-06-125AD-120, are used to measure microstrain during MYS tests. Three gages with axes equally spaced around the circumference of the gage diameter are bonded to the specimen with M-Bond 600 epoxy adhesive. Application details are given in Bulletin B-130-6 (22). By means of the three gages, it is possible to measure the precision of alignment of the specimen during test. The specimen surface is not abraded but treated with metal conditioner followed by neutralizer. Each gage is carefully aligned axially, bonded, and cured individually. Gages are clamped with special formed pads which apply a uniform 40 to 50 lb/in2 pressure during curing. The adhesive is cured at 250°F for two hours followed by a postcure, without clamps, at 300°F for an additional two hours. After bonding each gage, the area along the sides of each gage is cleaned of excess cement before bonding the adjoining gage. Lead wires are then soldered to each gage through a stress-relief solder tab and the gages and lead wires coated with microcrystalline wax to exclude moisture.

# 5.2.4 Alignment of Loading

The axial alignment of load in MYS tests is particularly critical in order to assure uniform stress conditions in the specimen gage length. Without uniform stress conditions indicated plastic strain may be the result of localized bending stresses rather than general plastic deformation. The load train which is used for these experiments is shown in Figure 10. The train depends on accurate control of geometry in the specimen, split plates, and specimen holder combined with flexible rod end bearings to achieve alignment of loading. The conical head of the test specimen centers itself into the fitted seat of the split plates which in turn are a close-slide-fit in the U-opening in the specimen holder.

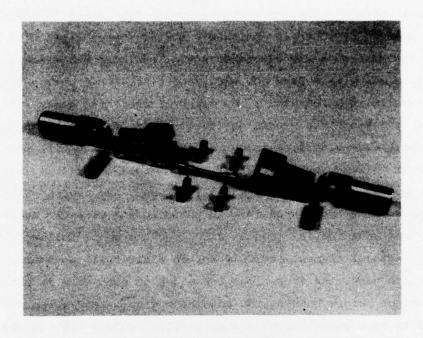


Figure 10. Load train for microyield stress tests.

A method for determining maximum surface strain on a cylindrical specimen from the readings of three strain gages located 120 degrees apart around the diameter has been developed by Morrison (23). Christ and Swanson have adapted this formula to define a precision of alignment (P) which provides a measure of extreme surface bending strain independent of total strain. Precision of alignment is defined as:

$$P = \frac{2 \sum_{b}^{2} l_{o}}{d}$$

where:

 $\ell_{o}$  = specimen gage length

d = specimen diameter

and  $\Sigma_b$  is related to the three strain readings by:

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{(\Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{A}})^2 + (\Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{A}})^2 - \Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{A}} \Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{B}}}$$

$$\Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{A}} = (\Sigma_1 - \Sigma_3)$$

$$\Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{B}} = (\Sigma_2 - \Sigma_3)$$

and  $\Sigma_1$ ,  $\Sigma_2$ , and  $\Sigma_3$  are the three strain gage readings in decreasing magnitude.

In order to determine the degree of misalignment in the load train to be used for the MYS and microcreep tests, a test specimen was made from AISI 416 stainless steel and instrumented with three strain gages in the same way as a MYS sample. The specimen was placed in the load train in an Instron testing machine and loaded to  $5000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  which is a typical low stress for MYS tests. The three strain gages were connected to a BLH Type N strain indicator through a switch box and were individually read to determine precision of alignment (P). The test arrangement is shown in Figures 11 and 12. Precision of alignment varied between  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ . The split plates are now being reworked to attain more uniform contact with the specimen. A consistent value of  $P = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  will give an extreme surface bending stress of  $250 \text{ lb/in}^2$  which is a reasonable value for our tests.

#### 5.3 Plans for Future Work

During the next fiscal year microyield tests will be conducted on HIP50 in the as-pressed condition and after various thermal treatments. Thermal treatments would be chosen so as to both achieve thermal stress relief of machining stresses and to increase the MYS by precipitation reactions. Metallographic studies will be performed on material before and after MYS tests. Microcreep studies will also be performed on these materials.

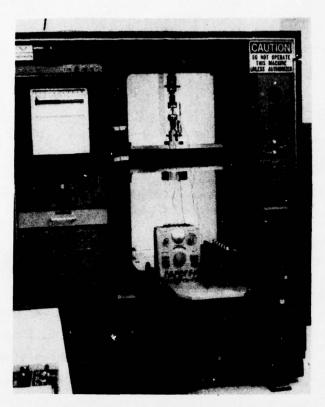


Figure 11. Test setup for alignment tests.

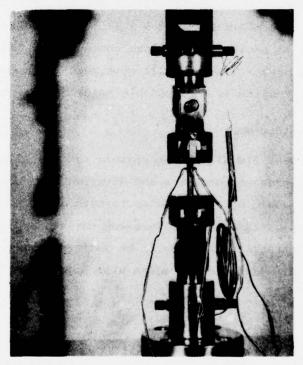


Figure 12. Typical load train for alignment tests.

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